

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3504
OFFERED BY Mr. Bilirakis

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ryan Kules Specially
3 Adaptive Housing Improvement Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY IN AWARD OF SPECIALLY ADAPTED**
5 **HOUSING GRANTS TO SERIOUSLY ILL VET-**
6 **ERANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2101 of title 38, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(d) PRIORITY FOR SERIOUSLY ILL VETERANS.—(1)
11 In providing assistance under this section, the Secretary
12 shall give priority to seriously ill veterans.

13 “(2) In this section, the term ‘seriously ill veteran’
14 shall have the meaning given such term by the Sec-
15 retary.”.

16 (b) DEFINITION OF SERIOUSLY ILL VETERAN.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—By not later than 90 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Veterans Affairs shall—

4 (A) determine the meaning of the term
5 “seriously ill veteran” for purposes of sub-
6 section (d) of section 2101 of title 38, United
7 States Code, as added by subsection (a); and

8 (B) submit to the Committees on Veterans’
9 Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-
10 tives the meaning of such term as so deter-
11 mined.

12 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The definition of “scri-
13 ously ill veteran” as determined under paragraph (1)
14 shall apply for purposes of such subsection (d) be-
15 ginning on the date that is 30 days after the date
16 on which the Secretary submits to the Committees
17 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of
18 Representatives the definition of such term as so de-
19 termined.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
21 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2020, and
22 apply with respect to assistance provided on or after that
23 date.

1 **SEC. 3. INCREASE IN AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED.**

2 (a) INCREASE OF NUMBER OF GRANTS PER VET-
3 ERAN.—Section 2102(d)(3) of such title is amended by
4 striking “three” and inserting “six”.

5 (b) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AU-
6 THORIZED TO BE APPROVED.—Section 2101(a)(4) of
7 such title is amended by striking “30 applications” and
8 inserting “120 applications”.

9 (c) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE
10 FOR ADAPTATION TO VETERAN’S RESIDENCE.—Section
11 2102(b)(2) of such title is amended by striking “\$12,000”
12 and inserting “\$19,733”.

13 (d) INCREASE IN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ASSIST-
14 ANCE FOR ACQUISITION OF HOUSING WITH SPECIAL
15 FEATURES.—Section 2102(d)(1) of such title is amended
16 by striking “\$63,780” and inserting “\$98,492”.

17 (e) INCREASE IN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ASSIST-
18 ANCE FOR ADAPTATIONS TO VETERANS’ RESIDENCES.—
19 Section 2102(d)(2) of such title is amended by striking
20 “\$12,756” and inserting “\$19,733”.

21 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—The
22 amendments made by this section shall take effect on Oc-
23 tober 1, 2020. The amendments made by subsections (c)
24 and (d) shall apply with respect to individuals who have
25 not received the maximum amount of assistance under

1 section 2101 of title 38, United States Code, before such
2 date.

3 **SEC. 4. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS OF SPE-**
4 **cially ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR**
5 **CERTAIN VETERANS.**

6 Section 2102 of such title is amended by adding at
7 the end the following new subsection:

8 “(f)(1) Notwithstanding the aggregate amounts spee-
9 ified in subsection (d), a covered veteran may apply for
10 and receive an additional amount of assistance under sub-
11 section (a) or (b) of section 2101 of this title in an amount
12 that does not exceed half of the amount specified in sub-
13 section (d).

14 “(2) In this subsection, a covered veteran is a veteran
15 who—

16 “(A) is described in section 2101(a)(2) of this
17 title;

18 “(B) first receives assistance under this chapter
19 on or after October 1, 2020;

20 “(C) as of the date of the veteran’s application
21 for assistance under paragraph (1), most recently
22 received assistance under this chapter more than ten
23 years before such date; and

1 “(D) lives in a home that the Secretary deter-
2 mines does not have adaptations that are reasonably
3 necessary because of the veteran’s disability.”.

4 **SEC. 5. IMPROVEMENT TO WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCE.—Subsection (a) of
7 section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Individuals”
9 and inserting “In accordance with paragraph (4), in-
10 dividuals”;

11 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and
12 (6) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively; and

13 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(4)(A) The Secretary shall carry out this section by
16 providing to educational institutions an annual amount for
17 the institution to use in paying work-study allowance
18 under paragraph (1) to individuals enrolled at the institu-
19 tion.

20 “(B) With respect to an educational institution that
21 participated in the work-study program under this section
22 during the academic year beginning August 1, 2018, the
23 Secretary shall determine the annual amount to provide
24 to the educational institution under subparagraph (A) as
25 follows:

1 “(i) For the academic year beginning August 1,
2 2020, the amount shall be the total amount the Sec-
3 retary paid under this section to individuals enrolled
4 at such educational institution during the academic
5 year beginning August 1, 2018.

6 “(ii) Except as provided by subparagraph
7 (D)(ii), for each academic year beginning on or after
8 August 1, 2021, the amount shall be the total
9 amount the educational institution paid under this
10 section for work-study allowance to individuals en-
11 rolled at such educational institution during the pre-
12 vious academic year in which individuals participated
13 in the work-study program.

14 “(C) With respect to an educational institution that
15 did not participate in the work-study program under this
16 section during the academic year beginning August 1,
17 2018, the Secretary shall determine the annual amount
18 to provide to the educational institution under subpara-
19 graph (A) as follows:

20 “(i) For the first academic year in which the
21 educational institution participates in the work-study
22 program beginning on or after August 1, 2020, the
23 amount shall be an amount the Secretary determines
24 appropriate based on amounts provided to similar

1 educational institutions pursuant to subparagraph
2 (B).

3 “(ii) Except as provided by subparagraph
4 (D)(ii), for each academic year occurring after the
5 academic year specified in clause (i), the amount
6 shall be the total amount the educational institution
7 paid under this section for work-study allowance to
8 individuals enrolled at such educational institution
9 during the previous academic year in which individ-
10 uals enrolled at such educational institution partici-
11 pated in the work-study program.

12 “(D)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), if the Sec-
13 retary provides an annual amount to an educational insti-
14 tution under subparagraph (B) or (C) that is more than
15 the total amount the educational institution pays to indi-
16 viduals under paragraph (1), the educational institution
17 shall return to the Secretary the unpaid amount and the
18 Secretary shall transfer such amount into the general fund
19 of the Treasury.

20 “(ii) If the annual amount provided to an educational
21 institution under subparagraph (B) or (C) is more, but
22 less than 25 percent more, than the total amount the edu-
23 cational institution pays to individuals under paragraph
24 (1), and the educational institution plans to participate
25 in the work-study program under this section during the

1 subsequent academic year, the educational institution may
2 retain the amount of the overpayment if the educational
3 institution notifies the Secretary of the amount of the
4 overpayment and the intention of the educational institu-
5 tion to retain such amount. Any amount retained by an
6 educational institution under this clause may only be used
7 by the educational institution to provide work-study allow-
8 ance to individuals enrolled at the educational institution.

9 “(iii) At any time an educational institution may re-
10 quest the Secretary to increase the annual amount that
11 the Secretary provides the educational institution under
12 subparagraph (B) or (C).

13 “(E) Pursuant to section 3690(c), section 3693, and
14 other provisions of chapter 36 of this title, the Secretary
15 shall ensure that educational institutions carry out the
16 work-study allowance program in compliance with this sec-
17 tion.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (e)(1)
19 of such section is amended by striking “subsection (a)(4)”
20 and inserting “subsection (a)(5)”.

21 (c) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this
22 section shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester, or
23 term, as applicable, commencing on or after August 1,
24 2020.

1 **SEC. 6. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FRY SCHOLAR-**
2 **SHIP TO CHILDREN AND SPOUSES OF CER-**
3 **TAIN DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
4 **FORCES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 3311 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (10) as para-
8 graph (12); and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
10 lowing new paragraphs (10) and (11):

11 “(10) An individual who is the child or spouse
12 of a person who, on or after September 11, 2001,
13 dies in line of duty while serving on duty other than
14 active duty as a member of the Armed Forces.

15 “(11) An individual who is the child or spouse
16 of a member of the Selected Reserve who dies on or
17 after September 11, 2001—

18 “(A) from a service-connected disability;
19 and

20 “(B) not later than four years after the
21 date of the last discharge or release of that
22 member from active duty or active duty for
23 training.”.

24 (b) APPLICABILITY DATE.—The amendments made
25 by subsection (a) apply with respect to a quarter, semes-

1 ter, or term, as applicable, commencing on or after August
2 1, 2020.

3 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) Subsection (f) of such section is amended
5 by striking “paragraph (9)” each place it appears
6 and inserting “paragraphs (9), (10), and (11)”.

7 (2) Section 3322 of such title is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (c), by striking both
9 “sections 3311(b)(9) and 3319” and inserting
10 “section 3319 and paragraph (9), (10), or (11)
11 of section 3311 of this title”;

12 (B) in subsection (f), by striking “section
13 3311(b)(9)” and inserting “paragraph (9),
14 (10), or (11) of section 3311 of this title”; and

15 (C) in subsection (h)(2), by striking “ei-
16 ther section 3311(b)(9) or chapter 35” and in-
17 serting “either chapter 35 or paragraph (9),
18 (10), or (11) of section 3311”.

19 **SEC. 7. ADJUSTMENT OF LOAN FEES.**

20 Section 3729(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
21 is amended by striking the loan fee table and inserting
22 the following:

"Type of loan	Active duty veteran	Reservist	Other obligor
(A)(i) Initial loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other initial loan described in section 3710(a) other than with 5-down or 10-down (closed on or after October 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2020)	2.15	2.40	NA
(A)(ii) Initial loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other initial loan described in section 3710(a) other than with 5-down or 10-down (closed on or after January 1, 2020, and before October 1, 2027)	2.30	2.30	NA
(A)(iii) Initial loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other initial loan described in section 3710(a) other than with 5-down or 10-down (closed on or after October 1, 2027, and before October 1, 2029)	2.15	2.15	NA
(A)(iv) Initial loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other initial loan described in section 3710(a) other than with 5-down or 10-down (closed on or after October 1, 2029)	1.40	1.40	NA
(B)(i) Subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) (closed on or after October 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2020)	3.30	3.30	NA
(B)(ii) Subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) (closed on or after January 1, 2020, and before October 1, 2027)	3.60	3.60	NA
(B)(iii) Subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) (closed on or after October 1, 2027, and before October 1, 2029)	3.30	3.30	NA
(B)(iv) Subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) (closed on or after October 1, 2029)	1.25	1.25	NA
(C)(i) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-down (closed before January 1, 2020)	1.50	1.75	NA
(C)(ii) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-down (closed on or after January 1, 2020, and before October 1, 2027)	1.65	1.65	NA
(C)(iii) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-down (closed on or after October 1, 2027, and before October 1, 2029)	1.50	1.50	NA
(C)(iv) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-down (closed on or after October 1, 2029)	0.75	0.75	NA
(D)(i) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 10-down (closed before January 1, 2020)	1.25	1.50	NA

“Type of loan	Active duty veteran	Reservist	Other obligor
(D)(ii) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 10-down (closed on or after January 1, 2020, and before October 1, 2027)	1.40	1.40	NA
(D)(iii) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 10-down (closed on or after October 1, 2027, and before October 1, 2029)	1.25	1.25	NA
(D)(iv) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 10-down (closed on or after October 1, 2029)	0.50	0.50	NA
(E) Interest rate reduction refinancing loan	0.50	0.50	NA
(F) Direct loan under section 3711	1.00	1.00	NA
(G) Manufactured home loan under section 3712 (other than an interest rate reduction refinancing loan)	1.00	1.00	NA
(H) Loan to Native American veteran under section 3762 (other than an interest rate reduction refinancing loan)	1.25	1.25	NA
(I) Loan assumption under section 3714	0.50	0.50	0.50
(J) Loan under section 3733(a)	2.25	2.25	2.25

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improvements to the specially adapted housing program and educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”.

